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FROM:

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DATE

26 May 1954

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. Mr. Esterline				[]	<p><u>RETAIN or DESTROY</u></p> <p>CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM RELEASE AS SANITIZED</p> <p>2003</p>
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on 25 May Between Department of State, USIA, and CIA
Representatives

1. [] AC/PP, and [] WH/PW, went to the Department of State with [] of Mr. Wisner's office.

2. The purpose of the SUBJECT was to discuss:

- a. Means of getting better internal U.S. press coverage of the Guatemalan situation;
- b. To discuss coordination of propaganda efforts of USIA and CIA.

3. [] stated that CIA is worried about news stories written by correspondents of the New York Times and other U.S. newspapers in Guatemala because such stories are not in the best interest of the U.S. and are widely disseminated in Latin America. He suggested that the Department of State might have means of rectifying such a situation. State Department and USIA representatives decided that a cable would be sent to the PAO and the U.S. Ambassador in Guatemala telling of certain unfavorable news reports emanating from Guatemala and urge the PAO to make every attempt to inspire enlightened coverage to U.S. press from correspondents inside Guatemala. Another State Department representative suggested that the Department should try to encourage the "right sort" of newspapermen to go into Guatemala.

4. [] suggested that USIA push the "line" that the USSR has intervened in Guatemala and that Guatemala, in turn, has intervened in the internal affairs of Nicaragua and Honduras. [] also suggested a call by State to N.Y. Times suggesting an editorial re Guatemala and U.S. policy might be beneficial. Apparently State is already contemplating such action.

5. Throughout the SUBJECT, the USIA representative, Mr. Edmund Murphy, stated that USIA had not been kept informed of the Department of State position and, consequently, has found, and continues to find it almost impossible to carry out a sustained propaganda campaign re Guatemala.

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6. [] suggested that the best way to carry out above Para. 2B would be for [] to meet on a regular basis with Mr. Murphy and Miss Keany, also of USIA, and a representative of the Department of State. The objective of such meetings would be to attempt to assure both USIA and CIA field representatives of knowledge of the official U.S. Government policy. These communications to the Field would also keep CIA officers informed of overt action to be taken by USIA.

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